

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of

Arvind BHAGWAT, et al.

Serial No.: 09/889,883

Filed: July 24, 2001

For: IMPROVED INOCULANT STRAINS OF BRADYRHIZOBIUM JAPONICUM

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PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, DC 20231

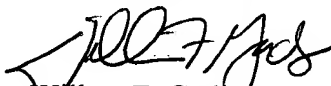
Sir:

It is respectfully requested that the time for response to the Notice to File Missing Requirements dated August 31, 2001, now due to expire October 31, 2001, be extended for one month and set to expire on November 31, 2001.

Please charge the extension fee of \$55.00 to Deposit Account No. 500417. Please charge any additional fees or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 500417.

Respectfully submitted,

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